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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on July 22, 2002. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to September 22, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1 and 4 and ADD new claim 5 in accordance with the following:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A transmission system for transmitting digital signals between an exchange termination and a line termination, comprising:

an ATM network having user interfaces;

connection units, provided respectively at the exchange termination and the line

termination to respectively connect each of the exchange termination and the line termination to

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